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ON PAGE ONE - Tom Kelly, alumni immediate past president presents plaques to Shelby Pitts (left) and Mrs. Ann Burris Cagle. Pitts and Cagle were named Alumni of the Year at the annual Homecoming activities on October 15.

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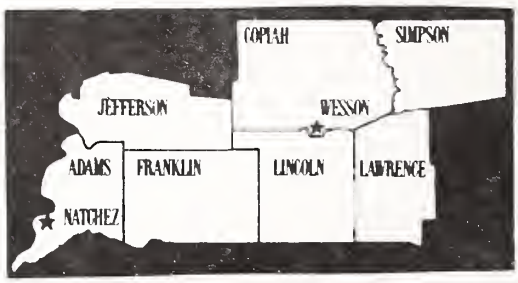

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Copiah-Lincoln Alumni Association

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Alumni Association. I appreciate your vote of confidence.

It will take all of us . . . . alumni and friends . . . . working with Dr. Thames, the faculty and trustees to continue to provide educational growth for today's students at Co-Lin.

These words might serve us as a guide . . . .

Commitment

Order

Loyalty

Inspiration

NOW . . . . time to look to the future.

Evelyn Redd
Association President

On behalf of the Alumni Association let me say a sincere "thank you" for the tremendous response you have given to our first membership drive. With your help, the paid membership has increased by nearly 250 percent. Also, for the first time we presented one year's free membership to all 1977 graduates, both on the Wesson and Natchez Campuses.

This is only the beginning. Things look great for the Co-Lin Alumni Association. We hope that you will encourage others to join with you and help make the Association even better in 1978!

During the Homecoming business meeting, the Association approved its first Constitution and By-Laws. We wrote to several junior and senior colleges in the state and obtained copies of their constitutions. Then a special committee, working with the Association officers, wrote the constitution. Items of special interest include establishing a Board of Directors, setting an alumni year (September 1st thru August 31st), setting up a procedure for paying lifetime memberships, providing associate memberships for friends who did not attend Co-Lin, and making changes in the Lula Stevens Scholarship which will better benefit the student recipient and Copiah-Lincoln.

The LULA STEVENS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND needs your help and support. All contributions are tax deductible.

The scholarship was established by the Alumni Association about 15 years ago, and is awarded annually in memory of Miss Stevens, longtime Dean of Women and instructor at Copiah-Lincoln. The recipient is a freshman woman student, living in a dormitory, who plans to continue her education at Co-Lin during her sophomore year. The amount of the scholarship is her sophomore tuition (currently $270).

In order to garantee the scholarship's future, we need to endow it in the amount of $4000. We presently have $1400 in the fund, and its only income is $1 from each membership paid plus the 7½ percent interest it draws. As you can see, it will take a long time to reach $4000.

Won't you consider a contribution to our Alumni scholarship? Any size contribution will be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made to: LULA STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The presidents of Mississippi's sixteen public junior colleges recently met with the State Budget Commission to discuss their request for $31.1 million in state appropriations for 1978-79, a $6.4 million increase over the current year. Most of the increase will be used for a 7 percent raise for the junior college teachers, according to Dr. George Moody, State Director of Junior Colleges.

We know this is a substantial increase," said Dr. William Scaggs, president of Meridian Junior College, "but we think it's conserative in the sense that it represents what we see as the needs for the people we deal with." Last year nearly 47,000 Mississippiians attended one of the state's sixteen public junior colleges.

The junior colleges, who receive local district funding based on property assessment, encouraged legislators to pass a uniform assessment law for each county. The presidents further urged the legislature to authorize fiscal independence for each junior college board of trustees. Currently the boards work through the county boards of supervisors to decide the level of taxes for support. Scaggs pointed out that only two public junior colleges - Meridian and Mississippi Gulf Coast - have fiscal independence.

Anne Thames
Alumni Affairs Director

Covering The Campus . . .

RADIO COVERAGE

The Co-Lin Report, now beginning its 9th year, is heard five times each week over four district radio stations. The program carries 15 minutes of news from Co-Lin.

WMRQ (Brookhaven)
Monday (9:05 a.m.)
WMLC (Monticello)
Tuesday and Thursday (10:50 a.m.)
WJMB (Brookhaven)
Wednesday (4:00 p.m.)
WMDC (Hazlehurst)
Thursday (4:15 p.m.)

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GUESS PERFORMS IN NEW YORK

Julia Guess, voice and piano instructor on Co-Lin's Wesson Campus, sang with the world known Philadelphia Orchestra at Saratoga Springs, New York in August.

The Brookhaven artist was accepted as a member of the 250-voice choir, formed for the Orchestra during its three-week season at the Saratoga Festival. Miss Guess was a member of the choir in 1974.

Those selected for the choir receive college credit from the State University of New York at Potsdam.

Selections included Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony", directed by Eugene Ormandy; "Old American Songs", directed by Aaron Copland, composer; also, excerpts from Prokofiev's "War and Peace", directed by Sarah Caldwell; and Beethoven's "Mass in C", conducted by Robert Shaw.

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HILTON NABS ROTC AWARD

Perry Hilton, Oakvale, MS, sophomore, has been awarded a three-year Army ROTC Scholarship through the department of military science at the University of Southern Mississippi. Hilton is a second-year student in Co-Lin's ROTC Program.

Hilton applied for the scholarship last spring, and after appearing before a scholarship board at USM, his records were then forwarded to ROTC Headquarters at Ft. Riley, Kansas, where he competed against applicants from 64 other universities.

Hilton's scholarship pays all his tuition and fees, buys his books and other related classroom materials, such as paper and pencils, and pays him $100 directly per month during the school year. This will continue for three years.

Hilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, is a computer science major. Upon graduation from USM he will receive a commission as a second lieutenant and serve on active duty for a period of four years.

Another Co-Lin student, Johnny L. Smith of Wesson was recipient of a similar scholarship in 1976.

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NEWSPAPER PLACES 1st IN STATE

Capturing awards in eight of ten categories, the Wolf Tales of Co-Lin won first place in the semi-monthly division in Mississippi Junior College Press Association competition. The Wesson Campus newspaper captured the largest number of awards at the MJCPA spring awards conference held on the Gulf Coast.

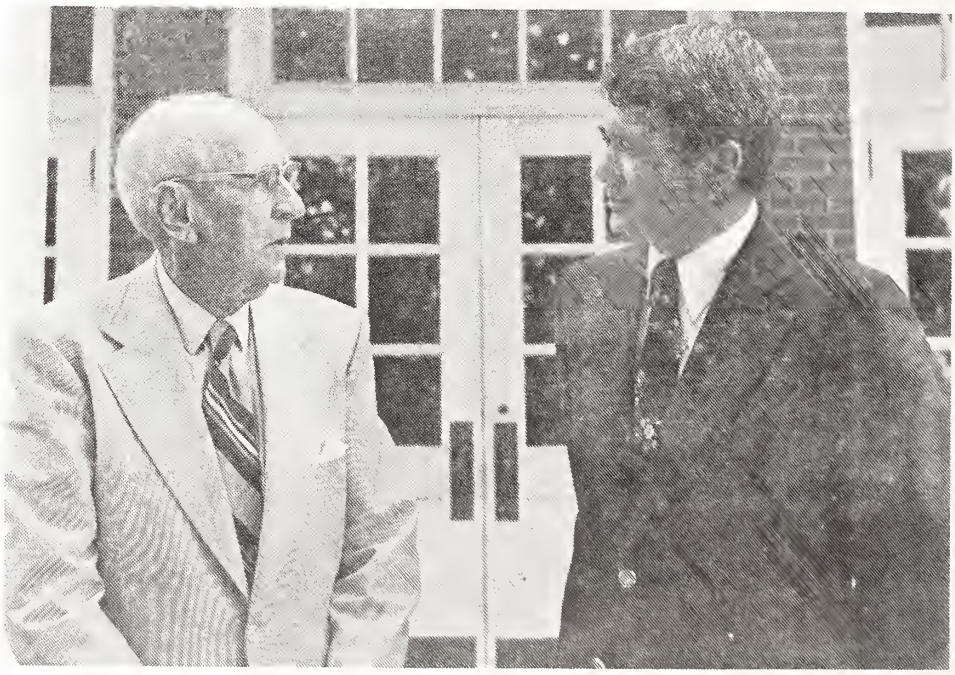
Wolf Tales 1977-78 co-editor Betty Frazier of Wesson defeated John Mothershed of Northwest JC for the state presidency of the MJCPA.

Awards captured by the Co-Lin paper included: first place in the semi-month division, with Hinds, East Central, Miss. Gulf Coast Jackson County, and Jones as runners-up.

Other awards were first place in features; first in advertising; second in editorial and sports; second in a column and third place in cartoon.

The paper also won overall third place in make-up and design.

Burlian Walker, director of public relations and journalsim instructor, serves as Wolf Tales advisor.



TWO PRESIDENTS CONFER . . . Russell Ellzey, CLJC's first president and the only living ex-president of the college, was a recent visitor on the campus. Mr. Ellzey is shown discussing the college's progress in its 49th year as an institution of higher learning with current president, Dr. Billy Thames. Ellzey was instrumental in the late 20's in adding the two years of college work to the existing agricultural high school program. He, along with community leaders in Wesson, Lincoln County, and other areas led in a campaign to pass the necessary bond issue to organize and construct the junior college program. Ellzey left Co-Lin in 1932 when he was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives. He presently resides in Jackson.

Bureau Offers Speakers

Civic groups, organizations, clubs, schools and others seeking a speaker may solve their problems by turning to the newly-formed Speakers Bureau from Copiah-Lincoln.

A brochure will soon be available listing speakers from the college who are available, their educational background, and the subjects and topics they can best use in their speeches.

The Bureau is composed of administrators, faculty, and staff members who are willing to serve as a public relations tool for the college and at the same time provide a service to the district.

Subjects vary from such topics as "Public Relations with the Community", to "The Changing American College Student", to "Current Impace Computers."

Other topics include welding, various courses in science, math, data processing, home economic experiences and occupations, and occupational information for physical education or recreation.

The vocational-technical division can provide information on any occupation or trade offered by the college. The art department is prepared to speak on any art topic, including a demonstration in pottery, most notably wheel thrown pottery.

The Metric System can be explained, as well as the "Belief in the Junior College Program".

Included in the Speakers Bureau are Dr. Billy Thames, president; Dean B. F. Hunter; Academic Counselor Dr. Robert Young and Vocational Counselor Bob Huckaby; Dean of Students Alton Ricks; Financial Aids Director William Lewis; and Charles Creely, Vocational-Technical Director.

Other administrative personnel include Bradley Smith, Ralph Frazier, Grover Smith, Burlian Walker, Danny Dykes, and Jimmy Smith.

Representing the Athletic Department are C. B. Hawkins, athletic director, and William Lewis, basketball coach.

Faculty personnel include Wade Alexander, chairman of the social science division; Durr Walker, Jr., chairman of the humanities division; Roy Daughdrill, chairman of the math division; and Mike McIntyre, chairman business division.

Also, Danny Harrell, Harold J. Patterson and Jim Lightsey (social science division); Edna Earl Crews, Sharon Alexander and Keith McDaniel (humanities division); Phyllis Hayes, Sara Johnson, Dr. Maria L. de los Reyes and Dr. Doug Schexnayder (science division); Tom Ross (fine arts); Noel Assink, Bruce Irving, Jack Burt, Glenn McGee (vocational-techical division).

More information about speakers and topics may be obtained by contacting Alton Ricks, Dean of Students, at 643-5765, or Burlain Walker, Director of Public Relations, at 643-2221 or 833-5801., or by writing Speakers Bureau, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson, MS 39191.

Donna Ruth Currie of Brookhaven, Miss Copiah-Lincoln for 1977, was one of ten semi-finalists in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg.

Presidents Council Organized

Dr. Billy Thames, President of Copiah-Lincoln, has organized a Presidents' Council composed of individuals serving as presidents of clubs, organizations, and activities on the campus.

The Council will meet with Dr. Thames for breakfast on the second Wednesday of each month. Objectives include (1) promote communication, coordination, and cooperation between college administrators, faculty and students; (2) promote the growth and development of Copiah-Lincoln; (3) promote school spirit and student involvement in school activities; and (4) promote student input in decisions that effect student life.

"Since we no longer have scheduled assemblies where the student body can gather," Thames stated, "it is hoped that we can establish communications on the campus through these group leaders."

Yearbook Dedication

A couple who has taught at Copiah-Lincoln's Wesson campus for the past 16 years received the dedication of the 1977 Trillium yearbook.

Donald and Sarah Gill Johnson were revealed as recipients of the honor during the school's annual Awards Day.

Johnson is an instructor of physics, physical science and mathematics, while Mrs. Johnson is home economics instructor.

Both have received the Star Teachers Awards in previous years and both are active in many professional organizations.

They are the parents of two children, Danny a junior at Mississippi State University, and Diane a ninth grader.

Donald and Sarah Johnson

Both received B. S. and M. S. degrees from the Univerity of Southern Mississippi. Johnson also received a M. S. C. S. degree from the University of Mississippi and has done additional work at the National Radio Institute in Washington, D. C. and at Eastern Training Center in Brooklyn, New York.

Both junior college products, Johnson attended Southwest Mississippi Junior College at Summit while Mrs. Johnson, the former Sarah Gill attended Hinds Junior College in Raymond.

Before coming to Co-Lin in 1961, they taught at Lexie High School, Union Church High School, Newhebron High School and Home Vocational High School. He taught his first year at Salem, while she taught at Isola.

Mrs. Johnson is active in the Wesson Garden Club, a former president of the group; vice president of the Mississippi Nutrition Council; and president of her Sunday School Class at Wesson Baptist Church.

Faculty Changes At Wesson And Natchez

Four faculty members with a combined service of over 75 years retired from Copiah-Lincoln at the end of the 1976-77 school year. Also, Dean of Students E. Forest Case, Jr., resigned after 18 years to enter private business and Billy R. Folkes, Director of Special Activities, joined the University of Southern Mississippi. Folkes had been at Co-Lin for 14 years.

Those retiring included James M. Lewis, Registrar, with 31 years of service. Lewis had also served as high school principal and instructor of science. Also, Mrs. Janie Borden, 31 years service, Co-Lin Bookstore; Mrs. Modena Raney, 11 years, campus nurse; and Mrs. Winnie M. Hennington, 4 years, campus nurse.

Other changes included the naming of Alton M. Ricks, a 22-year employee on the Wesson Campus, as Dean of Students. Ricks had served as basketball caoch, insturctor and most recently as Director of Student Development. The Co-Lin graduate holds additional degrees from Delta State University and the University of Mississippi.

Ralph Frazier, high school principal, was named Director of Admissions and Records and Mrs. Alma G. Smith, Records Clerk,. Frazier, a native of Winston County, came to Co-Lin in 1976 from Monticello where he had served as high school principal and coach. The Mississippi State graduate and his wife Betty are the parents of two sons.

Mrs. Smith, the wife of Grover Smith, had served as secretary to the President of Co-Lin for a number of years. She is the mother of two sons and is a past secretary of the Co-Lin Alumni Association.

Additional appointments included naming Larry Williams of Brookhaven as principal of the high school and Mrs. Jimmie Bachelor as Coordinator of the Senior AIDES Program. Also, Mrs. Becky Burt moved from the high school division to the college secretarial science program.

New personnel on the Wesson Campus include Dr. Doug Schexnayder (biology), Dr. Robert A. Young (Director of Student Development), John Sklopan (assistant football coach), Mrs. Janet Lewis (secretarial science), James Harris (machine shop), Steve Harris (electronics), Thomas Thompson (heavy equipment mechanics), Robert Pritchard (choral music and voice), Leroy Granberry (golf pro and coach), and Mrs. Billie Caldwell (high school business).

New Natchez personnel include Dr. Mary Pardy (reading) and Jessie Lee Thomas (guidance counselor).

Copiah County To Build New High School At Wesson

Electors in the Copiah County School District voted overwhelmingly in favor of a $1.2 million bond issue on November 8 to finance construction projects at Wesson and Crystal Springs.

Of the approximately 7000 eligible voters in the district, a total of 2,589 voted—1,927 for and 662 against, or a 74.4 percent majority.

Improvements to be financed by the bond issue include additional classrooms at Wesson to house grades nine through 12 and to relieve overcrowding in the existing elementary grades.

Improvements on the Wesson campus are expected to cost in the vicinity of a million dollars, and the junior high and high school facilities are to be built on a 35-40 acre tract of land already owned by the Copiah County schools and adjoining the existing elementary school.

Adding grades nine through 12 to the Wesson Public Schools is a move that is of importance to Copiah-Lincoln Junior College as well as to Copiah County.

The Southern Association accreditation board has suggested on two different occasions that Co-Lin make plans for ending the mixing of college and high school students. Co-Lin has offered both a high school and junior college division since 1928.

Of the sixteen public Mississippi junior colleges, only Co-Lin and Itawamba still have a high school division remaining on the campus.

Dr. Billy Thames, Co-Lin president expressed pleasure at the passing of the bond issue. "A 75 percent majority is a tremendous vote of confidence by the people of Copiah County in their school system. Having its own high school," continued Thames, "separated from the college campus will mean a lot to the Town of Wesson."

"While we have been proud to have the high school division on the college campus, I feel that this will be a very beneficial move in behalf of the high school students involved. They will now have an identity of their own and this will add to the future success of the high school. We will, of course, continue to cooperate in any way possible."

Target date, according to a spokesman in the Copiah County Superintendent's office, for beginning classes in a Wesson High School is with the 1979-80 school year.

Changes Are Made In Board Of Trustee Personnel

Four changes in the twenty-seven member Copiah-Lincoln Board of Trustees have recently been made.

Miss Malinda Robinson, board member from Adams County, passed away in May after a lengthly illness. Also Sturge Dodds, who had served as a board member representing Copiah County for 21 years, passed away in September. He suffered a heart attack.

Superintendent of the Natchez-Adams County School District, D. G. McLaurin retired in June. McLaurin had served as a trustree since Adams County became a member of the Copiah-Lincoln District in 1970.

Replacing Miss Robinson is Walter L. Nelson of Natchez. Nelson has served 35 years in various teaching positions in Mississippi, and is the retired president of Natchez Junior College.

Replacing McLaurin is Claude Porter of Natchez. Poter, a Co-Lin alumnus, was named in July as Superintendent of the Natchez-Adams County School District.

A replacement for Dodds will be named by the Copiah County Board of Supervisors.

L. G. Young of Meadville was introduced as a new member of the Board at its November meeting. Young, representing Franklin County, replaces Milton Jordan who has served for a number of years. Young is director of the Franklin County School System Vocational - Technical programs.

Anderson Building Nearing Completion; Future Building Plans Revealed

Construction is nearing completion on the R. E. "Bob" Anderson Building on the Wesson Campus. The building will house programs in laboratory technican, practical nursing, food services and child day services.

The building, named after longtime state representative and a former CLJC Alumni Association president, will be ready for occupancy for the second semester. The $425,000 brick structure is located on Oswalt Drive, directly behind the president's old home.

Under a building committee report, with C. C. Graves, Jr., of Crystal Springs as chairman, the Board of Trustees recently approved the firm of Canizaro-Trigani Architects for work on the proposed student center and renovation of the existing Callendar Hall. A proposed budget of $1.5 million was approved for the two projects.

The much-needed student center which will include a new college cafeteria will be located in the vicinity of the president's old home, and will be named for the late W. S. Henley, president of the Board of Trustees for forty years. Callendar Hall (the present cafeteria) will be renovated for recreational facilities.

Also approved was $150,000 for repairs on Mullen Gymnasium.

Revenue for the above projects will come from House Bill 307, with funds already on hand; selling of bonds; and House Bills 1504-H and 1399. Bids are to be taken as soon as the architect's drawings are complete.

The Board of Trustees also has future plans for building at the Natchez Campus. The 1976-77 State Legislature gave Adams County and the City of Natchez the authority to purchase 160 acres of land on the Belt Line Road south of Natchez. The property will be used to construct a joint-campus between Co-Lin and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Presently Co-Lin - Natchez is housed in the Central School in Washington, while the USM Center is located in Duncan Park in Natchez.

October 15

Homecoming 1977

Copiah-Lincoln welcomed alumni to its Wesson campus during recent Homecoming activities. A large number of former students and faculty members and friends of Co-Lin participated in the days events.

A tea honoring the Class of 1927 and former faculty members was held in the home of President and Mrs. Billy Thames. Floral arrangements in shades of bronze and gold decorated the reception rooms and the refreshment table. The Thames were assisted in greeting guests by Mrs. Catherine Cotten, president of the Co-Lin Education Association.

Students served and greeted visitors at the tea and at other functions during the day.

Tom Kelly of Jackson, president of the Alumni Association, presided over the annual alumni business meeting held in the Ewing Fine Arts Auditorium.

The Sojourners, under the direction of Bob Pritchard, presented a medley of songs of the fifties. Dr. Thames recongnized former faculty members and staff in attendance and gave special recognition to Russell Ellzey, first president of Copiah-Lincoln, who was unable to attend, but had sent a message to be read. He also greeted board members, legislators, and educators in attendance.

Mrs. Merle Furlow, secretary, of Wesson presented the minutes and a financial statement.

Alton Ricks presented the following slate of nominees who were elected by acclamation to serve the Association as officers for next year: Evelyn Redd, Jackson, president; Curtis "Pop" Allen of Jackson, vice president; and Mrs. Merle Furlow of Wesson as secretary.

The alumni adopted their first constitution and by-laws, which included the establishement of honorary memberships to be presented to persons who have given outstanding support to Copiah-Lincoln.

The first honorary memberships were awarded to Ellzey; Mrs. Maggie F. Ewing, former instructor and wife of a former Co-Lin president; Mrs. Willie Smith, whose husband served the college as acting president; Mrs. F. M. Fortenberry, a former faculty member and first lady; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oswalt, both former faculty members, and he a former member of the Board of Trustees.

Evelyn Redd, vice president, presented members of the Homecoming Court, who were also introduced at the alumni dinner.

At the alumni dinner, held in Callendar Hall, Presidents Thames and Kelly again recognized special guests. Donna Currie, the reigning Miss Co-Lin, gave a special welcome to alumni and friends.

Shelby Pitts of the Class of 1935 and Ann Burris Cagle, a 1958 graduate were recognized as Alumni of the Year.

Trophies were awarded to the following winners of Homecoming touraments: Ladies Golf: Open, Maxine Pickett; Alumnae, Lucy King; Men's Golf: Open, Robert Young; Alumni, Robert McLendon; Low Medalist, Carl Hollaway; Longest Drive, Pete Kelly; Closest to the pin, Scott Rutland.

CHARLOTTE CREELY (Co-Lin freshman) and ANN CAGLE (Class of 1958) took top honors in the women's division of the annual tennis tournament.

Ladies Tennis: Doubles, Ann Cagle and Charlotte Creely; Singles, Ann Cagle Runner-up, Charlotte Creely.

Mens Tennis: Doubles, Henry Harris and James Freeman; Doubles runner-up, Jim Sinclair and Tony Conn; Singles, Dr. Dennis Granberry; Singles runner-up, Tony Conn.

Ernestine Armstrong Peck, Class of 1940, of Los Angeles was recognized as having traveled the farthest to

MAXINE PICKETT, ROBERT YOUNG AND LUCY KING were winners in the Homecoming Golf Tournament.

attend. Others came from Texas, Illinois, Louisiana and Alabama.

The largest family, headed by the oldest alumnus present, was the Nathan Allen family. Allen, a member of the Class of 1923, is 87 years old.

The largest class attending Homecoming was the Class of 1927, celebrating its golden reunion.

Incoming Alumni President Evelyn Redd, in closing the dinner, challenged alumni to work together and bring new commitment, loyalty and inspiration to the Alumni Association.

Following the day's activities, the Co-Lin Wolves met the Hinds Eagles for the Homecoming game. The pre-game show featured the Hinds Band and Highsteppers.

The Co-Lin Band presented the half-time show. The Homecoming queen and her court were presented during the program, with Tom Kelly crowning the 1977 queen, Anne McNulty of Meadville.

The Wolves claimed a 32-7 victory over the Eagles, making the day a complete success.

An exciting day for Co-Lin came to a close with an alumni get-to-gether in the Private Dining Room and a student-alumni dance in the Old Gym.

Homecoming royalty who reigned over festivities on Saturday, Oct. 15, are (l to r) Susan Thomas, Wesson, sophomore maid; Connie Case, Wesson, freshman maid; Chris Vaughn, Loyd Star, sophomore maid; Gloria Boyette, Natchez, freshman maid from the Natchez campus; Anne McNulty, Meadville, homecoming queen; Ramona Higdon, Hazlehurst, freshman maid; Demple Britt, Brookhaven, sophomore maid; Nena Brister, Crystal Springs, freshman maid; and Pam Higginbotham, Natchez, sophomore maid from the Natchez campus. The court was presented during halftime of the CLJC - Hinds game in Stone Stadium.

Tom Kelly of Jackson welcomes Nathan Allen of Georgetown. Mr. Allen, Class of 1923, was recognized as the "oldest alumnus" present for the Homecoming Banquet. Mr. Allen is 87 years old.

Ernestine Armstrong Peck, Class of 1940, traveled the farthest to to attend Homecoming. Mrs. Peck, who lives in Los Angeles, is pictured with Tom Kelly.

Meet Your 1977-78 Alumni Officers

EVELYN REDD (seated at right) is the new Alumni Association president. Other officers are MERLE S. FURLOW (seated at left), secretary, and W. C. "POP"ALLEN (standing left), vice president. Also pictured is TOM KELLY, immediate past president.

The future of the Copiah-Lincoln Alumni Association is in capable hands as new officers were installed during Homecoming. Officers for 1977-78 include EVELYN REDD (Jackson), President; W. C. "POP" ALLEN (Jackson), Vice President; and MERLE S. FURLOW (Wesson), Secretary. Miss Redd was elevated from the vice-presidency, while Mrs. Furlow begins her second year as secretary.

A native of Lincoln County and a graduate of Brookhaven High School, Evelyn Redd is Office Secretary with the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. She worked in the Brookhaven area for a number of years, having been associated with State Bank and Trust Company, Lofton's Department Store and was secretary at Brookhaven's First Baptist Church.

She served as receptionist and secretary at First Baptist Church in Jackson from 1957 until 1959, when she came to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

She is active in church work, having served in state-wide WMU offices and is now 5th Grade Department Director, member of the Sanctuary Choir and Baptist Women's Organization at Jackson's First Baptist. She has been on the faculty at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and led the Secretaries Conference for Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association.

Evelyn, a collector of cookbooks, enjoys meeting people and always has a friendly smile for everyone. She is especially proud of her family and with a grin adds, "If you have some extra time, just let me tell you about my great-nephew Chad."

The Co-Lin Alumni Association is proud to have this lovely lady serve as Association President for 1977-78.

Serving as vice president is William C. "Pop" Allen of Jackson. Allen, Athletic Director for the Jackson Public Schools, is recognized throughout the state for outstanding contributions in the field of athletics.

The Brookhaven native graduated from Copiah-Lincoln in 1947 where he lettered in four sports, and was named Most Outstanding Athlete at Co-Lin. He continued his education at Delta State where he was co-captain of the 1948 football squad, and was a member of the 1948 Delta State basketball team which participated in the NAIA Tournament.

A member of numerous athletic and educational associations, Allen is on the National Council of Secondary School Athletic Directors. He is a past president of the Jackson Touchdown Club, as well as the Delta State Athletic Alumni Association.

Married to the former Donis Weeks and the father of four children, Allen served as teacher, coach and counselor in the Jackson School System from 1949 thru 1967, when he was elevated to the position of Athletic Director.

He attends Robinson Street Baptist Church in Jackson where he has served as Sunday School Superintendent, teacher, deacon and member of the youth and finance committees.

Included among the many honors received by Allen, was induction into the Delta State University Sports Hall of Fame in 1975. He was further named in 1974 as Mississippi's Outstanding Athletic Director of the Year by the National Council of Secondary

Athletic Directors.

Mrs. Furlow (the wife of Clyde Furlow of Wesson) states with modesty, "By the world's standard of greatness there's not much to publish about me." Those who know her best disagree.

"I have been a working housewife," she continues, "and active in my church, which has been enough to keep me busy. Clyde and I look back on it through and say 'it has been a great life'."

The former Merle Swilley, she is a native of Copiah County, residing in the Strong Hope Community all of her life, except for 10 years spent in Jackson. She is a 1941 graduate of Co-Lin High School and graduated from Co-Lin Junior College in 1943.

She has been employed in Jackson and Hazlehurst as a secretary-bookkeeper for over thirty years, and for the past 6 years has seved as bookkeeper for the Copiah County Schools, working with County Superintendent of Education Dale Sullivan. She is an active member of the Mississippi Association of Educational Secretaries.

A member of the Strong Hope Baptist Church, Mrs. Furlow has taught Sunday School classes for more than 25 years and for the past 15 years she has taught the Young Adult Class. She is also a member of her church choir, and has served in church-wide offices as well as being a member of various church organizations.

Alumni Of Year

Pitts, Cagle Honored

Lincoln County native Shelby Pitts, now of Dallas, Texas, and McCall Creek native Relda Ann Burris Cagle, now of Columbia, were honored as Alumni of the Year at Homecoming.

Tom Kelly, immediate past president, recognized Mrs. Cagle and Pitts at the annual Alumni Banquet. They were selected by a special screening committee, composed of representatives from each supporting county in the CLJC district.

Pitts, a member of the Class of 1935, is a resident of Dallas where he is president of Natural Gas Finders, Inc.; co-owner of Dallas Productions, Inc., and Chairman of the Board of Energy Research Associates.

He has worked untiringly in support of a national energy policy, criss-crossing the nation on speaking tours.

He is a member of a number of petroleum-related professional groups, just recently being chosen secretary of the Texas Independent Oil Produccers, the largest organization of its kind in the nation.

Pitts, who served in the U. S. Navy during WWII, is married to the former Mary Tillman of Wesson and they are the parents of two children, Steve and Pam.

Mrs. Cagle, along with her husband, Jim, founded Teens, Inc., an interdenominational, non-profit Christian camp for teen-agers in 1966. Approximately 1000 youth from seven southern states attend the camp each year to enjoy inspirational study and athletic activities.

The Cagles and their children, Jimmy, 17, Billy, 14, and Chris, 7, attend First Baptist Church in Columbia, where she teaches an adult ladies' Sunday School Class.

The 1958 graduate has won championships in city-wide tennis events in Columbia, and won Co-Lin's singles and was a winning partner in the doubles match during this year's homecoming.

Others nominated included William C. "Pop" Allen of Jackson; N. B. White of Wesson; Dale Sullivan, Crystal Springs; Lamar Noble, Sr., of Jackson; Mrs. Marguerite Newsome Rutledge, Monticello; Mrs. Margaret Ewing Thomas of Hattiesburg; and Mrs. Lucille Redd Leggett, Columbia.

Past recipients of the alumnus award begun in 1970 have included: Dr. Billy Thames (1970); R. E. "Bob" Anderson (1971); Gen. E. A. Turnage (1972); Frank Pitts (1973); Lester Furr (1974); Thomas Kelly and J. C. Redd (1975); Dr. Lucien Hodges (1976).

Also, Alma Gordon Smith (1971); Helen Ellzey Mullen (1972); Ruby Larkin Corley (1972); Doris Ball Green and Jean L. Ricks (1974); Alice Stringer Templet (1975); and Zoula Hennington Strong (1976).

Among the 21 members of the 1927 senior class of Copiah-Lincoln High School, celebrating its golden reunion during Copiah-Lincoln Junior College's homecoming recently, who attended the day's activities are six members pictured at the alumni banquet. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Ruby Brewer Corley and Mrs. Wilhelmina Gruchy Miller, both of Brookhaven; Standing, l to r, are Wilford Tillman, Jackson; N. B. White, Wesson; J. O. Shows, Jackson; and Craig Pittman, Fairhope, Ala. Seventy nine students received diplomas during the 1927 commencement exercises.

Class of 1927 Holds Golden Reunion

BY Betty Frazier

"If Heaven's like this, I'm ready to go" was one of the happy comments overheard when members of Co-Lin's class of 1927 gathered for their golden reunion on homecoming day.

As the old grads began to gather at the home of President Billy Thames for a tea in their honor there were moments of joy and moments that would tug at your heart-strings.

The classmates played a guessing game of covering name tags and, remarkably, guessed each other's identity after fifty years.

They greeted former teachers Mrs. Maggie Flowers Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oswalt.

Dr. and Mrs. Thames greeted those who came to honor the class and former faculty and staff members.

Catherine Cotten, president of Copiah-Lincoln Education Association, assisted in greeting and serving as did several students.

Following the tea, the class met at the Baptist Student Center to chat about "the good ole days," the present, and the years in between.

"Everyone had a great time," stated N. B. White of Wesson, who served as local chairman of the reunion, "It was just grand seeing so many of our classmates and friends for the first time in many years." White added, "The homecoming turnout was one of the largest I've seen in the twenty-eight consecutive years I've attended."

Class members were recognized at each homecoming event and Dr. Thames read a letter from Russell Ellzey, their first superintendent, greeting alumni, and stating, "Extend for me a very special welcome to the Class of 1927. I am sorry I am unable to be there to greet each one personally and I send to each my fondest regards." Ellzey, who served as first president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, was unable to attend due to illness.

Co-Lin's Alumni Affairs office is compiling an address directory of those who attended and will mail each a copy so that they might continue to renew old friendships.

Attending were Floyd Ard and wife of Jayess; H. Rawls Hope and wife, McComb; Wilford Tillman and his wife, Lucille Cammack McDaniels, Walter L. Douglas, Lucretia Bagley Dawkins, and James Olin Shows, all of Jackson; Alvin Wells and wife of Brandon; Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips, B. F. Cammack and wife, Susie Bridges Ainsworth, and Ruby Newman Weeks, all of Hazlehurst; Mr. and Mrs. Vive Panzica (former Sara Bell Mullin), Ruby Brewer Larkin Corely, Welhelmina Gruchy Miller, and Virgie Callender Regur, all of Brookhaven; Lessie Pepper Deason of Vaughn; Lella Mohon Sanders and N. B. White and wife, of Wesson.

Twenty-one members and their spouses made a total of thirty in attendance.

Several young people presently enrolled commented that if Co-Lin's students need a boost in school spirit, it is a shame they weren't at the tea to witness the enthusiasm of the Class of '27 as they returned to their cherished alma mater.

JULY 15 - 23

"London Holiday Tour"

A culmination of enjoyment of British history and literature may be experienced next summer as a member of the Copiah-Lincoln - sponsored "London Holiday Tour."

Tour leader Durr Walker, Jr., chairman of CLJC's humanities division states that the trip will be a learning experience and will serve to advance and augment the cultural and academic offerings of Co-Lin.

The tour, planned and operated by Bryan Tours of Jackson, is scheduled for July 15-23, at a cost of $895 round-trip from Jackson, per person. Hotel accommodations, breakfast, table d'hote dinner, and afternoon tea are included, as well as tips, taxes, and transfer and service charges, and admission fees to sights on the itinerary.

Visits to major British landmarks, such as Westminister Abbey and Buckingham Palace heve been arranged, as well as a full-day excursion to Shakespearan country, Stratford-Upon-Avon. There will be two days free for personal sightseeing excursions and shopping.

A full color brochure, giving complete details of the tour, may be obtained by writing Walker at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson, MS 39191.

Few campus fund-raising activities have caused as much excitment as the pot plant sale held recently by Phi Theta Kappa. Chapter advisor Durr Walker, Jr., made his selection early as sales for the large variety of plants went fast and students raced off to decorate their dorm rooms. The plants were furnished by Allen Boyd of Shipp's Florist in Brookhaven for promotional purposes.

Paul White Family Is 100% Membership

The Paul White Family of Wesson is 100 percent in membership in the Co-Lin Alumni Association with all seven family members joining.

In addition to dad and mom (the former Vera Storey), the five children include sons Robert L. "Bob" White of Huntsville, Albama; Jerry L. White, Lacey's Spring, Alabama; and Milton White, Jackson, MS.

Daughters are Joyce White Robinson, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, and Florine White Rayburn, Picayune, MS.

Life Memberships Now Available

A plan for establishing lifetime membership in the Copiah-Lincoln Alumni Association was included in the constitution and by-laws adopted by the Association at the homecoming business meeting.

Also, free membership was made available to persons sixty-five and above.

Lifetime membership in the Association may be purchased according to the following plan:

$100 for persons 30 years of age and under
$75 for persons 30 to 40 years of age
$50 for persons 40 to 50 years of age
$25 for persons 50 to 65 years of age

Free membership can be obtained by those individuals 65 years of age and above by writing to the Co-Lin Alumni Association, P. O. Box 553, Wesson, MS 39191.

COPIAH-LINCOLN JUNIOR COLLEGE
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
1977-78

NOVEMBER		
17	Prentiss	Home
21-22	Pre-Season Tournament	Utica
29	Jones	There
DECEMBER		
1	Utica	Home
5	Hinds	There
8	Southwest	There
10	Holmes	Home
JANUARY		
5	*Delgado	Home
7	East Miss.	Home
10	Hinds	Home
12	Southwest	Home
16	East Central	There
19	Pearl River	Home
23	Gulf Coast	There
26	Jones	Home
28	Utica	There
31	East Central	Home
FEBRUARY		
2	Prentiss	There
4	Holmes	There
7	Pearl River	There
9	Gulf Coast	Home
13-14-15	South Division Tour. (Men)	Co-Lin
16-17-18	South Div. Tour. (Women)	Hinds
20-21	State Tournament	

February 27-28 &
March 1-2-3 & 4 Region VII NJCAA Tourn.*

All Doubleheader games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Denotes Single game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

LADY WOLVES

Basketball Play Begins

A lack of size and experience are common problems facing both basketball teams at Co-Lin, according to head coaches William Lewis and Gwyn Young. Five lettermen return for the Wolves, but only Curtis McNulty, a 6-4 sophomore from Vidalia, LA, was a member of last year's starting five.

The Lady Wolves find themselves in nearly the same situation, as Annette Avant of Jennings, LA, is the only starter returning from Coach Young's 76-77 squad. Two other lettermen, Gayle Brister of Wesson and Tina Caldwell of Monticello are back.

Missed from last year's men's team which finished as runner-up in the south division are two-time all-state selection Bill Logan, now at Southern Mississippi, and Ronnie Hyatt, now at Belhaven College. Also gone via the graduation route are all-stater John Beard and Don Hicks.

Lady Wolves missing include Cindy Hodges Williams, selected all-state for two years at Co-Lin, and now a member of the women's team at Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond; Sandra Walker and Diane Alexander, both playing for William Carey; and Cheri Cole, playing for USM.

Players returning to the men's squad in addition to McNaulty are Brady Lee, 6-1, Copiah Academy; Marion Pollard, 6-4, South Natchez; James West, 5-10, North Natchez; and Dennis Berch, 6-1, Newhebron.

Nine freshmen join the Wolves including Alfred Baker, Newhebron; Bob Dixon, West Lincoln; Richard Bozeman, Hazlehurst; Butch Watkins, Bogue Chitto; Kenneth Brent, West Union; Jamie Oster, Brookhaven; Randy Day, Copiah Academy; James Jones, Monticello; and Robert Hamilton, Monterey, LA.

"We will be the kind of ball team that will improve as the season goes on," Lewis notes. "A lot will depend on the progress of our freshmen."

"The greatest factor in our behalf is the attitude of the team members and their outlook toward the season," he adds. "Quickness, good ball handling and good shooting highlighted the team's ability in pre-season workouts."

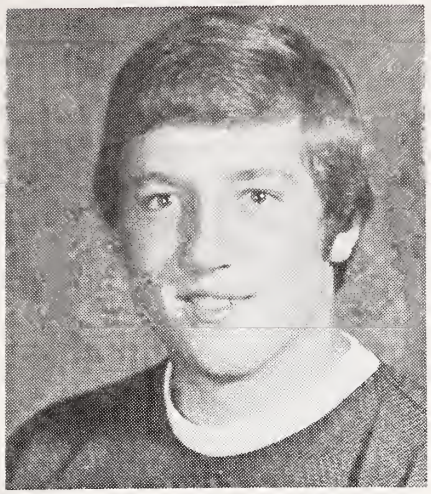
Lewis thinks that Jones, Gulf Coast and Utica will be strong in the south division because of returning lettermen and outstanding signees, and that defending state champ Mississippi Delta of Moorhead can possibly retain its title for another year since its team returns nearly intact.

Young states that size and a lack of experience are the biggest hurdles the women's team faces this season. "Hopefully the team will improve as the season progresses, depending on our freshmen," he adds.

Ten new faces join the Lady Wolves. They are Candi Applewhite, Copiah Academy; Charlotte Creely, Wesson; Frankie Weir, Enterprise;

WOLVES

Two Selected All-State; Three Go To All-Star Classic



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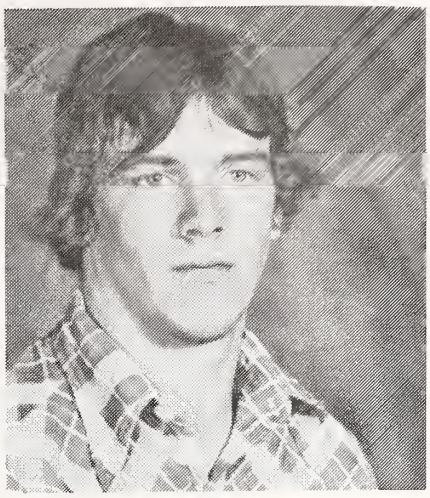

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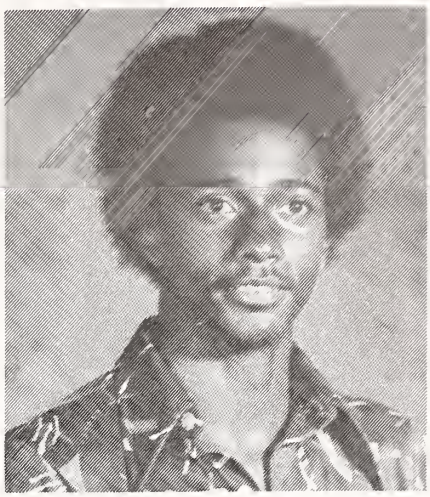

Jimmy Shannon

Football Season Ends At PRJC

The Wolves ended their 1977 football schedule with a 2 - 8 record, after a frustrating season marked by changes in personnel and close scores with tough opponents. The long season came to an end on Nov. 5 with a 0 - 13 loss to the Wildcats of Pearl River JC.

The year's two victories came over East Central in Decatur and a homecoming win over arch rival Hinds JC.

Defeats in addition to Pearl River were suffered at the hands of Itawamba, Miss. Delta, Jones, Northeast, Southwest, Gulf Coast and East Miss.

Coaches C. B. Hawkins, Alton Greenlee and John Sklopan saw a young team mature somewhat as the season progressed, but a group unable to move the ball and make the big play.

Always tough defensively, the Wolves held the state's two top teams to close scores, losing by a total of 7 points to division champs Itawamba and Jones. They met defeat in their season's opening game to Itawamba by a score of 7 - 10. Later in the year, they held powerful Jones to a close score, coming out on the short end 3 - 7. Jones, south division champ, was rated as high as No. 2 nationally most of the year, but fell 13 - 12 to Itawamba for the state crown.

With a host of freshmen, the Wolves should have experienced personnel returning for the '78 season and can expect a brighter year.

ALL-STATE, ALL-STAR

Two members of the '77 squad were selected for first-team all state, while three represented Co-Lin in the annual Miss. Junior College All-Star Classic in Tupelo on Nov. 18.

Receiving all-state honors were Tracey Bailey, offensive lineman, and Marc Newell, defensive end Bailey and Newell were chosen for the All-Star Classic, as was Jimmy Shannon, defensive back.

Bailey, the son of Irma Bailey and Vence Bailey, Jr., of Brookhaven is a pre-law major. He is a graduate of Brookhaven High School.

Newell, a drafting major, is also a graduate of Brookhaven High. The honor student is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey A. Cox of Brookhaven.

Shannon, the son of S. C. Shannon of Route 4, Hazlehurst, attended Copiah-Lincoln High School. Shannon's major is physical education.

BASKETBALL—CONTINUED

Sonya Dewitt, Topeka; Sandra Newsom, Newhebron; Nena Brister, Copiah Academy; Dessie Sibley, Topeka; Toni Jackson, Brookhaven; Sheila Ramsey, Franklin County; and Peggy Perkins, Reeves, LA.

A highlight of the home season for the Wolves will be hosting the South Division Men's Tournament Feb. 13-15. The Lady Wolves will participate in the women's south play at Hinds Feb. 16-18. The overall state tournament will be Feb. 20-21, while the region VII tourney will take place Feb. 27 thru March 4.

All double-header home games will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Mullen Gym on the Wesson Campus.

Wolves Take Second In Track

Coahoma Junior College captured the state track championship with defending champ Co-Lin finishing second. Coahoma amassed 48 points, while Co-Lin had 37.

Other places went to Itawamba, third with 33 points; Delta fourth, with 30 points; and Northwest finishing fifth with 25. Placing six thru ten were Gulf Coast, Jones, Holmes, Pearl River and Northeast.

Coach C. B. Hawkins praised his team's efforts and added, "Track is a great sport. No sport tells more about an athlete's character than when a young man is on the track showing an individual performance."

New records set during the 1977 season included the 120 high hurdles by Johnson of Holmes JC in 14:9.5; the mile relay with Coahoma setting a new record of 3:23.7; and the 440 dash, with Harry Brown of Co-Lin placing at 49.0.

CO-LIN 2 plus 2 USM

Education adds up in the Greater Natchez Area!

Through a cooperative agreement between Copiah-Lincoln and the University of Southern Mississippi, complete course work for a bachelor's or master's degree (in certain areas) is now available in the Natchez area.

This higher education program, known as "2 plus 2" means two years at Co-Lin's Natchez Campus and two years at the USM Natchez Center. The freshmen and sophomore level work is offered at Co-Lin - Natchez while the junior and senior level work is offered by USM.

A similar program is also offered on the Gulf Coast as a joint-effort between Miss. Gulf Coast Junior College and Southern Mississippi.

All plans for implimenting the "2 plus 2" program were completed last spring and the program was initiated with the 1977 Fall Quarter. General information sheets, brochures and pamphlets have been prepared to provide the student with complete information for all programs offered through the plan.

Beginning in July, when Co-Lin - Natchez students pre-registered for the fall quarter, students were asked to complete a "2 plus 2" information sheet which, when appropriately approved, guarantees that all work taken at Co-Lin - Natchez and USM in a particular program will apply toward the degree.

Upon completion of 54 or more semester hours on the Co-Lin Natchez Campus, the student may then apply for admission to the USM Center. The University requires an overall average of "C" or better on previous college work.

Courses directed toward the following degrees are now being offered: business administration, criminal justice, elementary education, English, history, mathematics, psychology, political science, social studies and secondary education. Future programs will be added in the future.

For additional information contact:
Copiah-Lincoln Junior College
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Natchez, MS

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